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The motion was duly seconded and put and carried.

Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar:—"I introduce the Bill."

XVII.—A BILL TO AMEND THE MADRAS LOCAL BOARDS ACT, 1920.

Mr. P. C. Moses:—"I move for leave to introduce the Bill to amend the Madras Local Boards Act, 1920."

Mr. M. S. Sreshta:—"I second it."

The motion was put and carried.

Mr. P. C. Moses:—"I introduce the Bill."

[Rao Sahib P. Subrahmanyam Chetti, who gave notice to move for leave to introduce the Artisans' Bill, was not in his place when called by the hon. the President.

Rao Sahib N. Siva Raj, who gave notice to move for leave to introduce the Mangavaram, Anakapalle and Nakkapalle Impartible Estates Bill, was not in his place when called by the hon. the President.]

XVIII.—THE MANGAVARAM, ANAKAPALLE AND NAKKAPALLE IMPARTIBLE ESTATES BILL.

Mr. P. Madhusoodhanan Thangal:—"I move for leave to introduce the Mangavaram, Anakapalle and Nakkapalle Impartible Estates Bill."

The motion was duly seconded, put and carried.

Mr. P. Madhusoodhanan Thangal:—"I introduce it."

XIX.—THE ARTISANS' BILL.

Mr. H. M. Jagannatham:—"I move for leave to introduce the Artisans' Bill."

Rao Sahib V. I. Muniswami Pillai:—"I second it."

The motion was put and carried.

Mr. H. M. Jagannatham:—"I introduce the Bill."

XX.—A BILL TO AMEND THE MADRAS DISTRICT MUNICIPALITIES ACT, 1920.

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar:—"I move for leave to introduce the Bill to amend the Madras District Municipalities Act, 1920."

Rao Bahadur T. A. Ramalingam Chettiyar:—"I second it."

The motion was put and carried.

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar:—"I introduce the Bill."

XXI.—THE ARTISANS' BILL.

Pandit Ganala Ramamurti:—"I move for leave to introduce the Artisans' Bill."

Mr. V. P. Narayanan Nambiyar:—"I second it."

The motion was put and carried.

Pandit Ganala Ramamurti:—"I introduce the Bill."

[The Raja of Bobbili, who gave notice to introduce a Bill further to amend the Madras Impartible Estates Act, 1904 (Bill No. 8 of 1932), was not in his place when called by the hon. the President.]

XXII.—RESOLUTION ON MATTERS OF GENERAL PUBLIC INTEREST.

SERVICE OF COPYISTS AND COPYIST-EXAMINERS IN THE REVENUE COURTS.

Discussion on the following resolution of Mr. Abdul Hameed Khan was resumed:—

> '*This Council recommends to the Government that the service of copyists and copyist-examiners in the Revenue courts of this Presidency be made permanent and pensionable.*'

* The hon. the PRESIDENT:—" The hon. Member who moved the resolution has spoken on it, and it has been seconded by Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar, if I remember right. So the discussion on this resolution will continue."

* The hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL:—" Mr. President, Sir, I am afraid it is not possible for Government to accept this resolution at the present time for these reasons. At present the copyists are paid on the basis of actual work turned out by them. Sometimes, there is a good deal of work to be done in particular offices, and the extra copyists are employed for the purpose and paid under the rules applying to copyists and copyist-examiners. If we make this staff permanent, we should have to pay them whether they have work or not. In that way there will be considerable waste of money. In the second place, in these times of financial stringency it will not be possible to adopt any such measure as it will involve a considerable increase in expenditure. We have to keep down our expenditure as low as possible and we cannot undertake to introduce measures which will increase the expenditure on any particular service."

Khan Bahadur MAHMUD SCHAMNAD SAHIB Bahadur:—" These copyists have got very hard work to do and it will not cost Government very much to put them on a permanent basis. In answer to a question of mine some time ago, a statement of income and expenditure of the copyists for the last ten years was placed before this House by the hon. the Revenue Member. That showed that the income was far in excess of the expenditure in connexion with the pay of the copyists. So, if something more is given or if the pay is made permanent, there would not be any loss to Government. So, I heartily support this motion."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—" I am sorry that the hon. the Revenue Member is not agreeable to this motion, but if he would examine this question he will find that it will not cost the Government anything more financially. The copyists are at present paid on the piece work they do, but if they are made permanent, the Government will find it advantageous to them and at the same time it will not cost them more than what they pay now for piece work. I can even go to the extent of saying that, if the Government agree to this resolution and make these people permanent, it will not cause any loss to them, but it will prove to be a source of profit to them."